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KAISER OFFERS PEACE TO HIS ENEMIES AND ASKS-FOR IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS

PEACE PROPOSAL STRIKES CHAINS FROM NEUTRALS

Wilson Now Free to Take Definite Action Toward Ending War.

NECESSARY CONDITIONS PROVIDED BY GERMANY

Course That This Country Will Pursue Not Yet Determined.

DECISION MAY COME TO-DAY

Certain That Feelings of Allies Will First Collection of Paper From Pub-Be Carfeully Sounded Before Step Is Taken.

WASHINGTON, December 12 -Ger-

many's proposal for peace is regarded here as having broken the chains which for months have restrained the United

action by some steps, necessarily deli- campaign has as its object the con- A movement to have the congress go least a consideration, however prelimi- cial benefit to the schools. American government believe a league the schools can make a tidy sum by has suggested, must be the outcome, appeals to him, especially as all of favorably a resolution urging that the

the United States will Board. transmit the German proposal without we must get busy if Washington, D. C., opposed the Gonsembles an immense war camp, many comment whatever, or accompany we are going to make a financial sulgress going on record in the matter which the achievements and works of

to express the solemn and earnest wish BRING FIRST BUNDLES the United States for a careful consideration of the suggestion of peace.

first information was conveyed in the there will be no trouble. Tuesday meeting, but the situation was the cadets see a chance to get so described by members as so obviously the necessary money. delicate that no announcement could

ABSENCE OF TERMS

The absence of any specific terms of overcoats," Dr. Chandler st sted last for peace in the note, or in the German Chancellor's speech, was, in a PAPER WILL BRING FROM measure, a disappointment to those who expected some concrete expreswilling to advance as the basis for German embassy indicate a belief that chousand dollars for the schools. the general terms might be, in sub-

isting before the war. This includes fresh in their minds. While the colthe evacuation of Belgium and the re- lection of the waste paper is promotstoration of the occupied portions of ing thrift in the minds of the youngized expression was obtainable from vogue in the schools. the embassy as to whether condition; school in Richmond should be able to would be attached to the restoration of raise \$100 before Christmas. Belgium and French territory, but ! was understood that the German idea city public school system. To collect was to make provision for the future neutrality of Belgium, and probably will be a huge task for The Timespropose defortification, particularly of Dispatch, as each lot must be weighed the city of Antwerp. It was also un-(Continued on Second Page.)

Thomas Dixon's "The Fall of a Nation." with music by Victor Herbert, at the Isls all next week.—Adv.

Proposes Restoration of Antewar Status Quo

WASHINGTON, December 12,embassy indicate that Germany's pence terms, in general measure, propose the restoration of the status quo before the war, with the exception of the establishment of in dependent kingdoms of Poland and

the complete restoration of the occupled portions of Belgium and France in return for Germany's captured colonies, and to dispose of the Balkan situation, because of its extremely complicated nature, in the pence conference.

CHANDLER CALLS ON ALL PRINCIPALS TO ASSIST

lic Schools Takes Place Friday.

100 Pounds - Credit to Each School for Amount Brought In.

Principals of local public schools will a condition often reiter- children under their charge of old diversification, conservation of the been destroyed. Extensive areas have there are indications C. Chandler, Superintendent of City

man proposal, it may accompany its calling attention to the fact that the become landowners, cate, to throw the influence of the servation of the dwindling paper sup- on record as favoring the location of

such as President Wilson the industry and thrift of the pupils resolutions committee voted to report

cess of the campaign," Dr. Chandler at all. said yesterday. "I will issue instructions to the principals to-day that they until the note delivered to American Charge Grew, in Berlin, reaches President Wilson's hands, probably to-defend to the principals to-day that they that the negro distribution resolution, offered by Judge Francis D. Winster of Windsor, N. C., had been laid on the shoulders. They must interest the sure the integrity of her frontiers and to give us security which aim at her destruction. She fights to assure the integrity of her frontiers and to give us security which aim at her destruction. She fights to assure the integrity of her frontiers and the fights to assure the fights to assur the children.

even before the entente governments first bundle of papers and magazines one by Admiral Millingham. United have made known their attitude toward with them on Friday morning. They States Navy, retired, urging that the the German proposal. This, it was will be deposited with the janitor, who pointed out, necessarily would be done will assume charge of them until the increased by 56,000 to fully man the In such a delicate and ultraconfidential automobile truck supplied by the Max- present ships of the navy. way that it never would be publicly well Motor Sales Corporation at the known should the allies decline the request of The Times-Dispatch arrives construction was the subject of an that they are supported by the whole Bukharest, leading with unparalleled that they are supported by the whole Bukharest, leading with unparalleled offer. This course was said to be abso- to carry them off. Another collection lutely necessary, so as to leave the will be made on Thursday of next don, president of the Southern Cotton United States free and unembarrassed week, and probably weekly after the to act when an acceptable peace offer holidays are over. The Times-Dispatch will sell the waste paper in bulk, and Regardless of whether President the entire proceeds will be given to Wilson decides to accompany the Ger- the schools in proportion to the amount man proposal with any word, it was of paper collected. This money can be Norfolk. said to-night he unquestionably would used for any purpose the school detake steps to learn the attitude of the sires. There will be absolutely no ex- he did not believe immigration from entente allies toward the peace move, pense on the part of the schools. Beand possibly might again send to Eu- youd the expenditure of a little effort rope his personal friend and adviser, on the part of the children, who will be aiding their mothers by getting rid None of the official dispatches had of the accumulation of waste paper arrived to-night. The government's that is to be found in every household.

Associated Press dispatches from Ber- Members of the John Marshall High President Wilson was said to be School Cadet Corps were interested in deeply interested, but reserving com- the scheme following the announcement. Secretary Lansing maintained a ment of the plan in The Times-Dis-The Cabinet dis- patch yesterday. The corps is in need cussed the development at its regular of overcoats, and in the sale of paper

> "Several of the boys told me that they would bring their papers in auto-PROVES DISAPPOINTMENT money would be used for the purchas

Bids for the papers to be collected sion of a basis on which negotiations by the schools have not been accepted; held up at Tientsin, have gone formight begin. The German embassy, by The Times-Dispatch, which is after ward. The department is hopeful that however, is in possession of advices the highest market price. Newspapers, Russia will permit all the supplies to which outline in a general way what however, will bring not less than 60 be moved. Germany expects, and the diplomats cents per 100 pounds, while magazines of the entente powers, through their will sell for 75 cents per 100 pounds. means of being supplied with informa- or more. Ordinary waste paper will tion, believe they have a general idea bring as much as 50 cents per hundred. of what terms the central powers are by this it will be seen that twenty five pounds brought in by each school discussion. Recent dispatches to the child would result in a total of several

Teachers must co-operate, however A restoration of the status que ex- dren to the movement and keeping it Northern France, with the exception sters, it is also a much easier way to of Alsace and Lorraine. No author- get money than other plans now in

There are forty-four schools in th and receipted for. The paper must then be baled before sold to the dealers. Owing to the rules of the

Richmond Fire Department, the waste (Continued on Second Page.)

GROUND IS BROKEN SEIZED WITH PITY Reichstag Informed FOR FORT STOREY FOR WORLD AT WAR

Ceremony Held in Connection Germany Realizes Europe's Sad With Southern Commercial Congress.

Future if Conflict Continues.

Kaiser Makes Move

The reasons which prompted Ger-

WEIGH HEAVILY ON WORLD

"Not only upon the belligerent na-

structive consequences of the gigantic

struggle weigh heavily. Trade and

withdrawn from the production of use-

ligion and civilization, which was try-

lems and was the home of science and

CERTAIN OF OWN STRENGTH,

ameliorated the fate of thousands of

men injured by this catastrophe. In-

spired by the exalted ideas of his min-

opportunity in the interest of

precious support of the Holy See."

manity to end so sanguinary a war.

"The imperial government is firmly

confident that the initiative of the four

powers will find friendly welcome on

work of peace can count upon the

DISTILLERY RUN AT NIGHT

Witnesses Testify at the Trial of

Thomas McCoy at Jack-

dicted with Thomas McCoy, of Ashe-

ville, N. C., and four other Jackson-

ernment storekeeper had left, and that

sonville, Fla.

il objects. Europe, which formerly

forces of the nations have been

of peace, have been depressed.

STUART TURNS FIRST SPADE CERTAIN OF ITS OWN POWER Chancellor Sounds Note of

similar notes.

CONSEQUENCES OF WAR

Prayer Offered for Success of Note to Vatican Explains Why Peace Plan Submitted by Germany.

NORFOLK, December 12.—The break-BERLIN, December 12.—The note ing of ground for Fort Storey at Cape presented by Dr. von Muhlberg, Gerpeace offers made by Germany and follows: her allies, the tabling of a resolution favoring the distribution of the South's I have the honor to send to Your Empopulation among the other inence a copy of the declaration which States and an address by Secretary of the imperial government to-day, by the Labor W. B. Wilson were features of good offices of the powers intrusted to-day's activities of the Southern with the protection of German inter-

Simple ceremonies marked the dedi- German empire is in a state of war, WILL REALIZE LARGE SUM cation of the site for the great land transmits to these states, and in which defense the government proposes to the imperial government declares itself The Times-Dispatch Is Assured of erect for the protection of Hampton ready to enter into peace negotiations. Prices of From 60 to 75 Cents Per Roads. Baltimore and Washington. The Austro-Hungarian, Turkish and Governor Stuart, of Virginia, turned Bulgarian governments also have sent the spade of earth.

AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS

ARE FULLY DISCUSSED many and her allies to take this step Earlier in the day the National Association of Commissioners of Agriculture had met and discussed cotton-cop limited treasures of civilization have any action by newspapers and magazines. Dr. J. A. South's resources and a better system been soaked with blood. Millions of of marketing. Some speakers hailed brave soldiers have fallen in battle and when the United States, acting as Schools, will issue a bulletin for the of increasing the South's agricultural valids. Grief and sorrow fill almost transmits the Ger- guidance of the teachers and pupils, yield by enabling tenant farmers to every house.

sited States into the balance for at ply of the nation, and will be of finan- the proposed government nitrate plant nary, of the terms on which a last. Dr. Chandler has become deeply in- at the first meeting of the Woman's ing peace might be brought to the terested in the plan as suggested by Auxiliary of the congress this afterworld. Some ranking officials of the The Times-Dispatch. The fact that noon.

and it could not be perfected without them are in need of many little things nitrate plant be located at Muscle the participation of the United States, that would add to the pleasure and Shoals. Opposition to the naming of instruction of the children, but cannot any particular site was offered by the NOTE IS DELIVERED properly be supplied by the School committeemen from Florida and South Carolina, while the committeemen from art

The resolutions committee announced tion. tions to the principals to-day that they that the negro distribution resolution,

SUFFRAGE RESOLUTION

OF PAPER ON FRIDAY declare for equal suffrage was laid on A resolution asking the congress to The school children will bring their the table, but the committee approved

Growers' Congress. Speakers to-night, besides Secretary Wilson, included President L. E. Johnson, of the Norfolk and Western Railroad; P. V. Stephens. of New York, and H. H. Rumble, of

Europe after the war would be as great as it had been before, because history showed that it was a people's tendency to stay where they had suffered. He said he was in favor of more equitable distribution of immigrants in this country, and thought that, as far as possible, they should

ALLOWED TO GO FORWARD

Medical Supplies for German Prisoners, Held Up at Tientsin. Have Been Released.

WASHINGTON, December 12 .- United States Minister Reinsch, at Peking, today notified the State Department that several carloads of the medical supplies contributed by Americans for the 60 TO 75 CENTS PER 100 POUNDS relief of German prisoners in Russian concentration camps, which had been

URGES INCREASE IN PAY

Secretary Daniels Would Give Enlisted Men in Navy Advances of \$5 a Month.

THY Associated Press. 1 WASHINGTON, December 12 .- An increase of \$5 a month in the pay of every enlisted man in the navy was ecommended by Secretary Daniels today to the House Naval Committee. It would add \$3,000,000 a year to the pay roll. Enlistments are on the increase. United States government out of inposal for a bonus to stimulate the enlistment campaign.

NEW YORK, December 12.—A strike involving 60,000 makers of men's and boys' clothing in this city and Newark N. J., was called to-night by officials of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

Thomas Dixon's "The Fall of a Nation." witnesses for the pith music by Victor Herbert, at the Isla be heard to-morrow.

Victory and Tells of Proposals Made for Ending Conflict.

ThatPeaceIsOffered

to Foes of Germany

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, December 12 (via Sayville). -Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's Henry, prayers for the success of man minister to the Vatican, to Carpeace offers made by Germany and follows: "According to instructions received.

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg to-day announced to the Reichstag that Germany, together with her allies. "conscious of their responsibility before God, before their own nations, before humanity" had proposed ests in the countries with which the morning to the hostile powers to enter Practically all the members of Par-

liament answered the unexpected summons. The crowded house and thronged galleries listened in attentive silence when the Chancellor rose for his speech.

MAY BE TURNING POINT

IN EUROPEAN WAR The Chancellor first outlined the extraordinary political situation, and then, insisting upon the achievements of the central powers, made an anmouncement which possibly may be the turning point in the war. The Chan-

"The Reichstag had not been adjourned for a long period, but fortunately it was left to the discretion of the president as to the day of the next meeting. This decision was caused by the hope that soon happy events in the field would be recorded, tions, but also upon neutrals, the dea hope fulfilled quicker almost than expected. I shall be brief, for actions speak for themselves."

The Chancellor said Roumania hadentered the war in order to roll up the of Germany's allies. At the same time the grand offensive on the Somme had as its object to pierce the German western front, and the renewed Italian attacks were intended to paralyze Austria-Hungary.

"The situation Chancellor continued. "But with God's many decades are doomed to annihila-IS LAID ON THE TABLE the right which she claims to develop out with larger reserves of men and freely her intellectual and economic material than it had been formerly. energies in peaceful competition and The most effective precautions have on an equal footing with other nations, been taken against all Italian diver- to the German peace proposal was civilization was unable to prevent, and unable to shatter the heroic armies of on the Carso the drum fire resounded able last night both from public men achievements of humanity. the (Teutonic) allies which protect the while the Russians launched troops and the British press, although these frontiers of their countries, strength- against the eastern frontier of Tranened by the certainty that the enemy sylvania, Field Marshal von Hindennite terms and without any word from our consciousness of our military and "Those fighting on the front know Wailachia and the hostile capital of nation, which is inspired by love for genius the troops that in competition

to the last extremity the inheritance FIRM FOUNDATIONS

of industrial work and the social organizations and sacred soil of the of the sword at the same time firm BUT SEIZED WITH PITY "Certain of our own strength, but realizing Europe's sad future if the victuals, oils and other goods fell crisis. war continues; seized with pity in the into our hands in Roumania. Their GOVERNMENT CIRCLES face of the unspeakable misery of hutransport has begun. In spite of scarmanity, the German empire, in accord city, we could have lived on our own with her allies, solemnly repeats what the Chancellor already has declared a question." year ago: that Germany is ready to

give peace to the world by setting be- Chancellor continued, "heroic deeds of fore the whole world the question whether or no it is possible to find a which our enemies intended to appear "Since the first day of the pontifical before us now pursues them without reign, His Holiness, the Pope, has unmercy. When after the termination of swervingly demonstrated, in the most generous fashion, his solicitude for the innumerable victims of this war. He has alieviated the sufferings and

events, my heart was filled with awe and determination."

"Neither our Emperor nor our naistry, His Holiness has seized every the part of His Holiness, and that the

> great struggle," the Chancellor constands the nation at work-the gigan-

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., December 12. "The empire is not a besleged for-Graham Dale, of Jacksonville, in tress as our adversaries imagined, but one gigantic and firmly disciplined EXPRESSIONS INDICATE camp with inexhaustible resources. ville, S. C., and the control of the Mr. Daniels said, in disapproving a pro- ternal revenue, to-day testified for the brothers in arms, who have been tested follows: government at the trial of McCoy, Dale in battles under Austro-Hungarlan, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle-"We want tion's existence, for its free future, will be laughed at." J. L. Caster, D. C. Cline and Guy and always ready to stretch out our Hartman each identified McCoy with | hand for peace.

the alleged fraudulent operation of the Long Branch Distillery. Several other (Continued on Second Page.) leutons Are Ready to Discuss Peace

1 By Associated Press 1 THE Teutonic allies declare themselves ready to discuss pence. Also they are ready to continue the war if the entente allies do not find the time propitious for such a dis-

The readiness of the central iowers has been made in identical notes to the United States, Spain and Switzerland, who are asked to make known the contents of the notes to the nations at war with the Teutonic allies.

While no conditions for peace are mentioned in the notes, it was asserted that the propositions to be made by Germany, Austrin-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria would have for their object a guarantee of the existence of the bonor and the liberty of evolution for these nations, and would prove "an approprinte basis for the establishment of a lasting pence."

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, in communicating to the Reichstag the fact of the disputch of the notes, said the step was taken on the ground of humanity. The Teutonic allies, he said, could not be conquered, and they awaited the number of the en; ate with that sereneness of mind which is guaranteed to us by our exterior and interior strength and by our clear

SENTIMENT IN ENGLAND

First Expressions Show Strong Current of Public Opinion Against It.

IMPRESSION NOT PROFOUND POWERS."
TEXT OF GERMAN NOTE

Persons Close to Government Take View That German Proposals Will dressed by Germany and her allies to Prove Entirely Unacceptable-Of- the hostile governments:

current of public sentiment opposed which thousands of years of common evident in the first expressions avail- which injures the most precious burg captured the whole of Western high authoritative sources indicating economic strength and our readiness the attitude of the government.

its country, and is ready for the great- with all the allies made possible what absence of some tangible official propo- prompted by the desire to avoid fursition, British officials were disposed to ther bloodshed and make an end mainthin reserve. It was noticeable the atrocities of war, the four allied FOR ECONOMIC NEEDS that the proposal had not created any powers propose to enter forthwith into "And Hindenburg does not rest. Mil. profound impression among the aver- peace negotiations. The propositions itary operations progress. By strokes age Londoners. There was little talk which they bring forward for such in the hotels or other public places, negotiations, and which have for their foundations for our economic needs and this discussion was far less anihave been laid. Great stocks of grain, mated than in the recent ministerial the honor and liberty of evolution for

REFUSE TO DISCUSS IT from any discussion, with an evident tice and the liberty of national evoludesire to learn more of the details be-fore committing the new administra- armies have in no way altered their equal importance are added by our Foreign Office would make no com- firm belief that our own rights and ment, in the absence of the terms, but Justified claims in no way control the indicated that the British attitude up rights of these nations. to the present was embodied in the SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL the first year of the war the Emperor by the former Premier and Viscount declarations made from time to time addressed the nation in a public ap- Grey, and that any new proposals "Having witnessed such great the entente allies before a definite attitude was possible.

tion ever changed their minds in this the proposals would prove entirely unnew government took the view that respect. Neither have they now. The acceptable, mainly because they were vantages over adversaries superior in genius and heroic acts of our leaders not likly to touch what the ruling auhave fashioned these facts as firm as thorities regard as the most esseniron. If the enemy counted upon the tial basis of any peace, namely, such guarantees against German militarism "The Reichstag, by means of the their allies to demobilize their vast national auxiliary war service law helped to build a new offensive and defensive bulwark in the midst of the defensive bulwark in the midst of the conditions of peace.

"Behind the fighting army Balfour, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Both Premier Lloyd George and Mr. tic force of the nation, at work for in deferring the announcement of the are slightly ill, and this may result plans of the new government next Thursday.

DRIFT OF SENTIMENT Some early expressions indicating firmly and faithfully united with its the general drift of sentiment were as

corroborated testimony given yester- Turkish and Bulgarian flags. Not con- to know more about the terms, for day that the Long Branch Distillery fused by asseverations, we progressed without them the Imperial Chancelhere was run at night after the gov- with firm decision, and we thus con- lor's suggestion of peace is prepostertinue our progress, always ready to ous and ridiculous. We, too, are conno revenue was paid on whisky thus defend ourselves and fight for our na- scious of victory, and his boastings

The Marquis of Londonderry-"We have got to win the war. Peace at "Our strength has not made our the present time would be disastrous ears deaf to our responsibility before to the nation and the empire. It is witnesses for the prosecution are to God, before our own nation and before only a question of time, and we will enemies challenged the superiority of

TERMS ON WHICH HE WILL SHEATHE SWORD UNKNOWN

Said to Be Appropriate for Establishment of Lasting Peace.

ALL CENTRAL POWERS JOIN IN MOVE TO END CONFLICT

Identical Notes Are Sent to United States, Spain and Switzerland.

ACT ON GROUND OF "HUMANITY"

Ready to Continue Fighting to Victorious End if Offer Is Refused.

BERLIN, December 12 (via Sayville, wireless).-Germany and her allies today proposed to enter forthwith into

peace negotiations.

The propositions which they will bring forward are, according to Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, appropriate for the establishment of a lasting peace.

The following announcement was given out to-day by the semiofficial Overseas News Agency:

"The Chancellor this morning re-ceived one after another the representatives of the United States of America, Spain and Switzerland, that is, of the states protecting German interests in hostile foreign countries. The Chancellor transmitted to them a note, and asked them to bring it to the knowledge of the hostile governments. The note later was read in the Reichstag by the Chancellor.

"In the note the four allied (central) powers propose to enter forthwith on negotiations. The propositions which they bring for such negotiations are, according to their firm belief, appropriate for the establishment of a

lasting peace. "The governments at Vienna, Con-stantinople and Sofia transmitted identical notes, and also communicated with the Holy See and all other neutral

ADDRESSED TO ALLIES

the last two years and a half over LONDON, December 13 .- A strong large part of the world-a catastrophe

"Our aims are not to shatter nor

to continue the war (which has been The only information in the press forced upon us) until the bitter end, their nations, are according to their firm belief, an appropriate basis for

the establishment of a lasting peace "The four allied powers have been Government circles also held aloof obliged to take up arms to defend justion to a definite course of action. The purpose. We always maintained the

PROGRESS THREATENED

"The spiritual and material progress which were the pride of Europe at the beginning of the twentieth century are threatened with ruin. German Those in close association with the and her allies, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, gave their unconquerable strength in this number and war material. Our lines stand unshaken against ever-repeated

"The last attack in the Balkans has been rapidly and victoriously overthe resistance of our forces, and th troops justifies our expectation of further successes.

and reconciliation, the struggle should go on, the four allied powers are resolved to continue to a victorious end, but they disclaim responsibility for this before humanity and history imperial government, through the good government of there is inserted the name of the neutral power addressed in each instance) to bring this communication to the knowledge of names of the belligerents)."

ANSWER OF ENEMIES AWAITED WITH SERENITY After reading the note, the Chang

power in the world war. To-day we